

HEMP PROGRAM- Nursery and Seed Sales

Sales of Live Plants and Seeds in Vermont

In addition to a hemp registration to grow plants, you may need a nursery or seed dealers license. The licenses may be necessary if your business model includes breeding and selling seed to Vermont hemp growers or selling live plants, including starts and clones.

Nursery License – (6 VSA Chapter 206)

A nursery license is necessary to sell nursery stock, unless sales are less than \$1,000 annually. Nursery stock includes all plants and parts of plants capable of propagation whether wild, or cultivated, or grown in a greenhouse or indoors under artificial conditions. It excludes cut flowers and seeds. A nursery license is an annual license.

Nursery Stock Shipped out of Vermont

Most foreign nations require plants and plant products originating from the US be accompanied by a federal phytosanitary certificate, and many states have specific regulations governing the interstate commerce of certain plants and plant products.

The Plant Protection and Weed Management Program will issue a licensee that ships or delivers nursery stock grown in Vermont out of state a copy of a certificate indicating the operation is licensed and inspected, the nursery stock is believed to be free of pests or plant diseases, and meet specific requirements. These efforts by the Agency facilitate

agricultural exports in interstate and international commerce.

Nursery Stock Shipped into Vermont

Nursery stock transported into Vermont for sale, distribution, or installation shall be accompanied by a valid certificate of inspection from the state where the shipment originated from, or from a U.S. government inspector stating the nursery stock is believed to be free of pests or plant diseases. A certificate must include the name and mailing address of the person responsible for the nursery stock.

Seeds – (6 VSA Chapters 34 and 35)

The Agency regulates hemp seeds as “agricultural seed”. If you sell or distribute seeds intended for cultivation in the State of Vermont commercially, you are required to register as a Seed Dealer unless you are selling seed directly from your farm without advertising. Please review Vermont Statute for guidelines on labeling. If you sell seeds in packages greater than 10 lbs., you will also be assessed an annual tonnage fee of \$10 per ton.